

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 2

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62 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin 9024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

This term the overall theme that we are looking at is keeping ourselves safe.

The pupils at the moment are working with John Somerfield from the New Zealand Police on the joint teaching programme "keeping ourselves safe" (KOS) and later on all pupils will attend a beach education day that will educate them on how to stay safe at the beach (and around water) during our summer months. The senior classes will also be receiving swimming lessons to help ensure that they are able to keep themselves safe around this potential hazard this summer.

Constable Summerfield held a parent education evening last week that was very informative for all who attended.

The underlying theme I took from it and have myself taught over the years is to keep talking to our children. Often the temptation during the teenage years is to let them do their own thing as long as they appear to be doing no harm. But the problem with this philosophy is that by the time we come aware an issue has arisen something that was small will have become huge.

The work on the new site is continuing at a steady pace and to celebrate the end of our time at 62 Church Street our annual fair will be held this Sunday, so please try to support the school by attending the last ever fair at 62 Church Street!

**Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan**

Keeping Ourselves Safe Activities



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Calendar of Events—October

24th Senior Class 2013 Information Evening
26th Greats and Grands Afternoon
28th School Fair 11am—2pm!
30th First Reconciliation Parent meeting 7pm

November

6th Athletics Day, (postponement day 8th)
7th Room 7 Golf

9th Sport/Cultural Assembly 2.20pm
-Note change of day!

16th Junior Assembly
21st BOT Meeting 7.30pm
26th Senior Swimming starts
27-29th Beach Education—Brighton Beach

Senior Class 2013 Information Evening Tomorrow -24th October 7pm

Mrs Baines will lead a parent information evening for parents and pupils in our senior class for 2013.

At this meeting Mrs Baines will be able to explain:

The strategic planning for her class for next year, the range of new activities that will be available and her general organization and expectations.

The pupils for our senior class for 2013 will be in a unique position as they will be our school leaders in our new school and this meeting will present an opportunity to discuss this matter.

Greats and Grands Afternoon 26th October

October is the month in which we recognise Greats and Grands e.g. Great Aunt Bessie and Granddad Bill.

If any Grand Parents or Great Grand Parents etc would like to visit their grand or great grand child's class to see them in a modern learning environment then they are warmly invited to visit the relevant class on the afternoon of 26th October.

It is also a time in which they may be able to share their own memories of school. And it is also a time that those with a long term link to the school may wish to have a final look at the school as they remember it, so please feel free to come along either to the relevant class or the school office to ensure you get to have a final look around.

PTA News

School Fair

This Sunday 28th October 11am—2pm!

Watch your child's school bag later in the week for a map of the stalls and activities plus a free ticket for an activity or ride!

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is looking good, please keep those goodies coming in!

Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

This year we are unable to accept TV's, mattresses, and large furniture items. Thanks. Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver directly into the hall.

Raffle Cards

Please return your cards now **sold or unsold!**

Drop off for Baking/Plants etc

Either to school on Friday afternoon, Saturday 1-3pm or Sunday from 9am.

New Activities this year!

Triage Tent -Come find this new activity under the sun shelter!

Soak a Senior—this fun activity is found out on the netball courts!

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

The meeting for parents of children intending to make their First reconciliation (from Year 3) will be **held at the Parish Centre on Tuesday 30th October at 7pm.**

It is important that a representative from the family is there please.

First Reconciliation is Thursday 6th December, 7pm at Holy Cross.

A thought for the week...

"We can not always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future"

Franklin D Roosevelt

Religious Education

Communion of Saints Strand—
Te Kotahitanga O Te Hunga Tapu

Years 0-1 focus on Mary as the Mother of Jesus. Family-Whanau book p19.

Year 2 are learning how the saints act as models for the members of the church on earth and are linked to them through prayer. Family-Whanau book page 22.

Year 3 has Life, Death and Christian Hope as their focus and how the Church encourages people to remember those who have died and to pray for them. Family-Whanau book pg 25.

Year 4 are learning how the choices we make on our life journey have significance in terms of our final destination, our life after death. Family-Whanau book page 31.

Year 5 are learning that Catholics believe in the Communion of Saints—the unity or community of all members of the Church. The living and the dead are all joined in praise of God. Family-Whanau book page 31.

Year 6 have Mary as their focus and is a model of faith and discipleship. Family-Whanau book page 34.

Year 7 are learning that with God's gift of free will come the responsibility to develop an informed conscience so that we may make life-giving choices for ourselves and others. Family-Whanau book page 37.

Year 8 has Life, Death and Christian Hope as the focus—the human person is made up of a soul and a body with emotions, intellect and free will. Family-Whanau book page 38c.